



Connecticut Horse Council

"Horsemen United in Leadership, Service and Education"

Check out our website at www.cthorsecouncil.org

2023 NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and to all our new members. We are a non-profit volunteer legislative advocacy group representing all horse interests in CT.

We monitor all issues that have an impact on the horse industry. The Connecticut Horse Council is member supported by individuals and organizations representing every facet of the horse industry including owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed organizations, horsemen's associations, commercial suppliers and town horse councils. CHC represents equestrian interest with representation on the **Connecticut Greenways Council** and the **Connecticut Equine Advisory Council**. We provide information on Legislation, Road Safety, Trails, Zoning, Barn Fire Training – CT Horse 911, Fire Prevention & Emergency Disaster Preparedness and produce educational brochures for the public. We are an affiliate of the **American Horse Council**, whose primary concern is to oversee federal legislation, including taxes, which affect the horse industry.

Our supporting organizations and business members are listed on pages 17-21 and are also posted up on our website. Club, Organizations, Business & Professional support is only \$40.00 per year - all posted on our web site and in our Newsletters.

We look forward to helping our communities in all aspects of horse life, education and care. Support your state organization, get up to date information on legislation, policies and more.

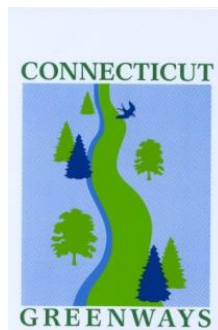
The CHC, Inc., can only be as strong as its membership. Please join us and work together to protect your interests for today and tomorrow! See pages 24-25 for a 2023 application. *If you have already renewed, thank you for your support.*

Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT HORSE COUNCIL



VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL



CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- SCORP – State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- CT State Trails Plan
- CT State Forest Plan

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

Election of officers for CHC will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2023

We are looking for members who would like to be an Officer or Board member. The council is run by volunteers who want to help the horse community. It would be a 2-year commitment and we meet 5 times a year with the possibility of Board meeting once in a while.

We hope you will join us as an officer or board member and also that everyone will attend our meetings which are the 1st Tuesday of the months of February 7th, April 4, June 6th, October 3, and December 5th. They are held at the Eversource building, 107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT

The following are the members who have been nominated for an office and the Board with the positions we need filled. As members, you can also nominate people for these positions

President-*Diane Ciano*

1st Vice President-*Laurianne Goulet*

2nd Vice President - *Meg Sautter*

3rd Vice President-***Vacant***

Secretary-*Carol Birdsey*

Treasurer-*Cheryl Mastele*

Board Members

Stewart Beckett, III, DVM-Chairman

Denise Ciano

Ken Forcier

Edna Liberty

Randy Olmsted

Gary Rutkauskas

2 Vacancy

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 860-344-1804 or membership@cthorsecouncil.org

Carol Birdsey – Membership Secretary

DEEP - No Child Left Inside Winter Festival

Burr Pond State Park in Torrington on Saturday February 4th , 2023 from 10 am to 3pm.

Every year DEEP asks that horses be available for children to pet. This is a very large audience of children and adults that many have never touched a horse. This is a very rewarding and healing experience for many people. The Volunteer Horse Patrol provides safe horses for such an occasion with all the activities going on.

There is a snow/ice day scheduled for Sunday, February 6th if necessary.

If you have a horse that you feel would be safe for this event, please contact Diane Ciano
203.910.9919 DianeMCiano@gmail.com



Winter Festival

*NCLI in partnership with CARE and
The City of Torrington*

Saturday, February 4, 2023

10 AM – 3 PM

Burr Pond State Park

384 Burr Mountain Rd, Torrington, CT

FREE!!

Food will be available for sale

Join us for Outdoor Winter Fun: ice-fishing, ice safety, search & rescue dogs, bonfire, marshmallow roasting, snow shoeing, winter games, ice sculptures, winter hikes and more!!

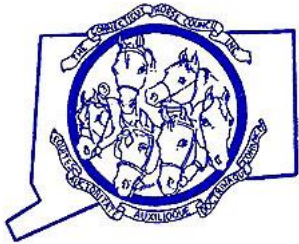
For more information:

CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
(860) 424-3917

Kristen.Bellantuono@ct.gov
or visit

www.NoChildLeftInside.org





Volunteer Horse Patrol 20th Anniversary & OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, March 18th 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We're celebrating our 20th year in existence! Our 20th year of being the eyes and ears of DEEP on horseback. Our 20th year of stats on the use of our CT State Parks, State Forests, Open Spaces and Private Lands!

And bring a Testimonial of how the VHP has benefitted you!

WELCOME -New & Interested members

Bring a Friend -We need your support to continue and expand this statewide program started in 2003

Pot Luck & Raffle Items

Bring a dish to share – Items for Tea Cup Raffle - \$ for 50-50 Raffle

**Company 1 Firehouse
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***PLEASE park in rear
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Meg Sautter 860.402.3824 megsautter1@gmail.com

or

Diane Ciano 203.910.9919 dianemciano@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S HORSE SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023 9 AM – 3 PM

Better Communication, Improve Performance and Better Overall Control
with Bob Burrelli



Join Bob Burrelli for a fun and interesting clinic! Designed to have the human obtain better communication, improve performance and better overall control Bob will discuss the myths and wrong thinking that is impacting our horses and confusing many in the horse world. Bob will back up scientifically his teaching with truth and prove it (not opinions) with his demonstrations. This will include all breeds. Bob is also excited to do a Question-and-Answer session if time allows.

Renowned clinician Bob Burrelli has over 40 years' experience in Natural Horsemanship. Bob is a licensed instructor, C.H.A. certified and the President of Bob Burrelli Academy of Natural Horsemanship at the Double B Ranch in Plymouth, MA.

9-10 AM Session 1: Groundwork for the Horse and Human (limited to 10 handlers) Sign up coming soon! - Bob is a firm believer in proper ground work to make the horse supple in every direction. We concentrate on six body parts to move individually of the others, to maintain proper balance. When this is done from the ground first, it makes sense to the horse when mounted.

10-11 AM Session 2: Horsemanship 1 (limited to 8 riders) Sign up coming soon! - Equitation (Classic Dressage Principles) is designed to help people further understand how to get along with a thinking, feeling, decision-making animal. This is done through love, language and leadership. They are designed to help people increase their awareness level of what they see and feel and to improve their timing so as to better communicate with a horse. This is called feel, timing and balance.

11 AM -12 PM Session 3: Advanced Horsemanship 2 (limited to 6 riders) Sign up coming soon! - This class is for advanced riders to understand how to execute proper feel and to do all the correct movements of shoulders in, haunches in, side pass, half pass, full pass, how to execute proper lead changes and more.

Clinic: <https://animalscience.cahnr.uconn.edu/horsesymposium/>

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Your CHC Representation around the state...



CT Horse Council TRAIL NEWS Volunteer Horse Patrol



Celebrating 20 Years of Service 2003-2022

Please Join our Celebration – Saturday, March 18th See page 6 for more information

The Volunteer Horse Patrol serves the community by providing data to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and helping other user groups with general information, directions, and first aid.

Continued education and dialogue between all trail user groups (such as trail etiquette about how all user groups can safely interact on the trail) is crucial as more of us share fewer recreational trails. The Connecticut Horse Council created the Volunteer Horse Patrol (VHP) in 2003 to assist the state during a time of economic hardship.

The VHP has come a long way from its small start in 2003 of 5 patrol areas to over 100 areas around the state, including town parks, open spaces and land trusts. As we continue to grow, we are expanding our riding opportunities and helping to create long distance connecting trails. Congratulations to all members, because each of your patrol logs, no matter how many hours you patrol and maintain trails adds to the grander total of statewide hours. This service provides CHC, DEEP and other Land Management Areas with information on how the equestrian community is continuing its effort to maintain trails for multiple use, while promoting and educating the community and other equestrians of our volunteer efforts.

Members patrol local and other areas they are able to get to. There are no required hours – we ask that you log the hours you do ride so that they are included in our total that we submit to DEEP at the end of every year. The CHC-VHP provides safety vests that identify volunteers. Your membership is \$20.00 a year to the CHC. Members are asked to get certified with CPR & First Aid on their own. If you would like to join the CHC VHP, please contact Diane Ciano DianeMCiano@gmail.com 203.910.9919 for information and applications.

Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL



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The Connecticut Equine Advisory Council was established on May 22, 2007 by **Public Act 07-42** to assist the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with issues related to the preservation of equine trails in the state.

Membership: The council consists of the president of the Connecticut Horse Council and five representatives from organizations that serve the horse industry within each congressional district statewide in addition to one member of the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

The mission of the Equine Advisory Council and is to promote equestrian use on public lands, creating, preserving, maintaining and restoring trails.

The CT Equine Advisory Council's website and link to the **Multi Use Trail Surface Study** and the **CT Horse Council's Volunteer Horse Patrol Trail User Study** can be viewed on: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/eac> under "Links" and on our CHC website. These studies can be used to educate and promote multi-use trails and surfaces for planners of trails who may play a role in maintaining or implementing trail systems including town planners, recreation committees and Council of Governments throughout the state.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

The EAC will meet at the [Connecticut Forest & Park Association](#), 16 Meriden Road, in Rockfall, CT from 6:00 PM on the following Thursdays: March 16th, June 15th, September 21st and December 21st. The public is welcomed. Zoom or Conference calls are available.

Please contact Diane Ciano for current updates or changes for 2022 meetings

CT Horse Council President – Ron Hocutt 2020

1st Congressional District – Meg Sautter (*Appointed 2008*)

2nd Congressional District – Ruth Strontzer (*Appointed 2019*)

3rd Congressional District – Danielle Borelli (*Appointed 2020*)

4th Congressional District – Vevette Greenberg (*Appointed 2021*)

5th Congressional District – Diane Ciano (*Appointed 2009*)

DEEP Liaison – Kimberly Bradley, CT State Parks Trails & Greenways Program
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
[Recreational Trails Program](#) [CT Greenways Program](#)

CT Forest & Park Association - Eric Hammerling

TRAIL NEWS

The following trails reports are from members of the CT Equine Advisory Council meetings. If any CHC members need to report any dangerous trail conditions you can contact Dianne Ciano.

Larkin Bridle Trail:

CHC worked with DEEP to get some major trail work fixed on the trial system. Meg Sautter and Vevette Greenburg reports that the Towantic Road crossing has been improved as it was badly eroded, narrow and treacherous. DEEP also worked on drainage at the Rte. 67 area so that there is a better crossing over an old culvert. Gates were installed at Hawley Road. This may be an ongoing process at each crossing to keep out illegal off-road vehicles and yet still maintain emergency access to the trail system. There is a 40" passageway for horses. The crossing at Rte. 67 is very dangerous. CHC will work with the Town of Southbury & Naugatuck Valley Council of Government (NVCOG) to see if we can get flashing light installed.



Towantic Hill Rd. crossing



Hawley Rd. Gates



Culvert Crossing near Rte.67

Reports on trails are discussed at the CT Equine Advisory Council Meetings:

Larkin Bridal Trail -CHC is planning to contact the town of Southbury and the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government (COG) to see if we can get a lashing light installed at the Rte. 67 crossing

Bissel Trail, East Windsor: This trail runs long the CT River. Access is limited and the trail floods frequently in the spring and after heavy rain. It constantly needs clearing and there are steep and deep-water crossings. However, work has been done on sections near the power lines. This is a trail for experienced riders and horses.

Devil's Hop Yard State Park: CHC is working on getting better parking for horse trailers at the Mitchell Rd. area entrance..

The Preserve, Westport: The Bridal Land Conservancy is planning on building a bridge

12 Town Air Line State Park Trail Master Plan Workshops

CHC contacted members and organizations to notify them workshops that were open to the public on sections of the 12 Town ALSPT Master Plan regarding findings and recommendations with presentations of insights and findings from stakeholders and consulting team members. The sessions were designed to help accommodate stakeholders, businesses, event organizers and public.

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Plan

CHC is working with DEEP on updating this state Plan. CT Horse Council Volunteer Horse Patrol Statistics will be added into this plan.

Legislation

At the CT Equine Advisory Council meetings, Legislation is discussed. Eric Hammerling, Executive Director for the CT Forest and Park Association (CFPA) who updates members on bills pertaining to trails:

The Legislative Session started January 4th and will run through June. The state budget is always of concern. CFPA will be monitoring this to make sure that the Environmental Committee has additional monies for our state parks and forests.

An effort is being made to raise staffing to adequate levels to accommodate dramatic increases in public use of recreational assets, facilities, and natural resources. For example, State Park staff ceiling is currently 83 full-time employees to care for 110 State Parks, 11 campgrounds, and abundant public facilities including 6 nature centers

An example in one area:

There is 1 Full time Supervisor and 1 Maintainer that covers 21,000 acres. This includes 8 Parks, 3 forests, 6 Boat Launches, 15 Wildlife Management Areas, the Hop River Airline Trail and 4 other sites!

Other Priorities:

- Continue state bonding investments for trails, open space, and agricultural land protection.
- Work with the Planning and Development Committee for a property tax reduction for private land owners who grant right of ways for Greenways.

CHC will notify the equestrian community when a bill #s come up for this and ask that as individuals you contact your legislators and state committees to support these bills

Your CHC Representation around the state...

CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL



Members of the Connecticut Greenways Council are appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly. Their duties include advising and assisting in the coordination of state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in voluntarily planning and implementing a system of greenways; providing assistance to state agencies, municipalities, regional planning organizations and private citizens in the technical aspects of planning, designing and implementing greenways, including advice on securing state, federal and nongovernmental grants; advising DEEP on selection of CT Recreational Trails Program grants; and establishing criteria for designation of greenways. Many Council members have had direct experience with trail and greenway development, and they can provide valuable insight into the development of successful local and regional projects.

Council Members

Lois Bruinooge - Executive Director, The Last Green Valley

Paula Burton - New England Mountain Biking Association

Stacey Stearns - CT Horse Council & Water Trails

Robert Dickinson - South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways; Bike Walk CT

R.Bruce Donald (Chair) - Tri-State Coordinator, East Coast Greenway

Joe Hickey - CT Forest & Park Assoc.

Gillian Carroll - Eversource Energy

William D. O'Neill - East Coast Greenways Alliance (former Chair)

Rista Malanca - (Vice Chair) Naugatuck River Greenway

Cathy Hagadorn - CT Audubon Society, Deer Pond Farm Director

Gwen Marrion - (Secretary) Bolton Trails Committee

Brian Wilson (DEEP Liaison) - Ex-Officio Member

Anna Bergeron, DOT Planning Division - Ex-Officio Member

What's a greenway?

A greenway is a corridor of open space that may protect natural resources, preserve scenic landscapes and historical resources or offer opportunities for recreation or nonmotorized transportation. A greenway may also connect existing protected areas and provide access to the outdoors; may be located along a defining natural feature, such as a waterway; along a man-made corridor, including an

unused right-of-way, traditional trail routes or historic barge canals; or may be a greenspace along a highway or around a village.

Greenways in Connecticut cover thousands of acres throughout every county in the state and may include paved or unpaved trail systems, ridgelines, or linked parcels of open space. Many other communities around Connecticut have chosen, through greenway designation, to recognize the importance of river corridors for natural resource protection, recreational opportunities, and scenic values. The [CT Greenways Program](#) contains details on how to propose designations, get assistance, and view a map of our State Greenways.



Your purchase of a Connecticut Greenways license plate will make a difference! These plates both raise the public awareness of the importance of our greenways AND provide funding for state and local efforts to preserve, restore and protect our greenways. Greenway systems offer an exciting opportunity to reestablish connections between the State's natural and cultural resource base and its people. It has been said that greenways connect the places we live to the places we love.

[Greenways License Plate Applications](#)

NOTE: CHC is looking for someone to replace Stacey Stearns as an equestrian representative on The GREENWAYS Council. If you are interested in getting a gubernatorial appointment to represent the CT Horse Council, please contact Diane Ciano, 203.910.9919 or email: DianeMCiano@gmail.com

The CT Greenways Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meets at 9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August, and December) virtually and/or at the offices of VHB, Inc. located at 100 Great Meadow Road Suite 200, in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Contact Kimberly Bradley, DEEP Trails and Greenways Coordinator, to be added to the meeting announcement distribution list at kimberly.bradley@ct.gov.

The 2023 meeting dates are:

January 10,

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August – no meeting

September 12

October 10

November 14

December – no meeting

Event Dates:

CT Greenway Awards & Celebration - TBD but typically would be held in conjunction with CT Trails Day on June 2 at 10 am.



The CT Valley Driving Club has had a busy fall with monthly events to offer driving opportunities for its members as well as to attract new or interested drivers.

On Sept. 3, the club sponsored a “Fun Day” at members’ lovely Greenbriar Farm which featured a cones course and three regulation marathon obstacles for drivers to practice. Drivers could go through each course as many times as they liked with tips from fellow drivers and some of admiring horse lovers on hand to watch the unjudged action.

On October 16, the CVDC, Litchfield Hills Driving Club and the Mid-Hudson Driving Club joined together to enjoy the foliage on the beautiful wide trails of the White Memorial Conservation Area in Litchfield, CT. A dozen turn-outs including a few riders followed two different routes following detailed maps prepared by Christine Schilling. One route was a flat 3-mile loop under pine trees and the other was a 7-mile loop to a cranberry pond and forest trails for drivers to explore. A picnic lunch provided for some mingling and exchanging of stories after the event.

The Connecticut Valley Driving Club wrapped up its 2022 year with one final Turkey Trot drive and Annual Meeting on Nov. 20 at Cynthia Bliven’s Woodland Farm in Lyme, CT. The mid-thirties temps with a lower wind chill kept all but four brave drivers away but the Annual Meeting and delicious pot-luck luncheon was well attended with 50% of the membership present. The club re-elected 3 officers, Carrie Wind – President, Judy Zimmer – Treasurer and Steve Mazeau - Secretary and welcomed long-time member and competitor, Henry Tarryk as Vice-president to take the place of Linda Rogers, who the club thanked for her time and talent during the past two years. During the meeting, CVDC members were asked to sign-up for at least one of 7 committees to brain-storm, investigate, plan and organize various events for 2023. The committees were labeled as a result of a recent member survey. The Club will be trialing a web-based communication format called Groups.IO to improve dialog between the Board of Directors, committees and their members.

This year’s Equine Affaire was held on Nov. 10 – 13 at the Eastern States Exposition buildings in Springfield, Mass. Though there were very few vendors for carriage drivers, a prominent presence was the ADS Booth manned by the very knowledgeable and affable Bob & Diane Koopman along with some help from local drivers throughout the weekend. The booth featured a beautiful miniature sleigh which attracted passersby’s into the booth as well as on-going videos of FEI World Driving Championships and US Driving Championships which held people’s attention. The booth had many handouts including what carriage driving is, safety tips, postcards and brochures from local driving clubs including Southern New England Carriage Driving Association and CT Valley Driving Club as well as a handy Northeast Region Resource Guide.

Our club has gained seven new members this year and continues to grow as more equine enthusiasts see us out and about as well as visit our Facebook page and website at cvdrivingclub.com. Happy driving,
Carrie Wind President – CT Valley Driving Club

Horse Owner's Corner- Timely Tips – WINTER is not that bad

Dr. Jenifer Nadeau, UConn Equine Extension Specialist and CHC Education Chair

The thought of winter has many fleeing to Florida for the indoor showing season. Some people don't have that option. Winter may seem like a harsh time but the changing of the seasons reminds us that it's a good time to **Work on ideas for pet projects**, **Identify areas of concern**, **Note our goals for the year**, **Tackle some barn cleaning**, **Educate ourselves** and **relish spending time with your horse**. Let's look at winter as an opportunity, not a problem!

We can:

- **Work on ideas for pet projects.** Is there something you've really been wanting to do? What is holding you back? Now is a good time to outline what you want to accomplish. Determine how much it may cost and write down the steps needed to reach your goals. Make sure your goals are SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-based. You can come up with a plan. If your project isn't feasible at this time, determine an alternative solution that will help improve the situation for the time-being. Perhaps your goal was to have a curtain drain installed to help decrease water ponding but it's too expensive. Maybe instead you can find ways to divert the water away from the area of concern.
- **Identify areas of concern.** Are there hazards around the barn or property that need to be addressed? While snow may cover the pasture preventing you from identifying any hazards there, you can check fencing, areas that become muddy or icy and barn hazards that need to be dealt with and come up with a plan.
- **Note our goals for the year.** Winter is a great time to look back over the last year and determine what new goals we may have. Whether your goal is to go on the ultimate trail ride, attend that clinic, learn about that new subject or improve that skill, you can come up with a list of goals for the year, again making sure that they are SMART. Create a plan for each goal today.
- **Tackle some barn cleaning.** The weather outside may be frightful but most people keep their barn temperature more delightful even though that's not necessary for the horses themselves (they do best in 45 to 65 degrees F, according to studies). It's time to go in the barn, remove those cobwebs, tackle that clutter and come up with ideas to improve storage space if needed. This will also make the barn safer from a fire safety standpoint. Most barn fires occur in winter when the most bedding is stored and electrical use is high. It is often due to overloading circuits, faulty electrical systems and improperly stored hay.
- **Educate ourselves.** Attending a clinic, taking lessons, or taking an online or in-person course can help to increase your knowledge. You may also benefit just from reading a book. Find the approach that's best for you and start learning!
- **Relish spending time with your horse.** Although the weather may be too cold for you personally to ride or the conditions may prevent you from riding, you can take the time to bond more with your horse. You can groom your horse thoroughly, which your horse will probably enjoy. You could even teach your horse some new tricks! Remember to ask the horse to do something, then reward when it does it. You can use treats or praise. Put the treat in a bucket to prevent biting. Break it into steps if it is a complex task.

Winter can be a beautiful time. It gives us a chance to reset and perhaps even rest a little from the other busy season. Let's all use winter as a time to improve the lives of our horses and ourselves.

<https://animalscience.cahnr.uconn.edu/equine-extension-program/>. Please call (860) 486-4471 or email jennifer.nadeau@uconn.edu if you have any questions. Also, check out my web site <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/equine/extension/extensionIndex.php> for more information on upcoming horse specialist events and other information. Thanks, and have fun with your horses!

Sources: Rowland E., Forcier K., Rose, A. Feb 2001. Fairfield County 4-H.

Fire Safety Awareness Program: Tips for Horse Owners booklet. Dr. Rhonda Hoffman, Fire Safety brochure. Undated.

2023 Membership

Thank you to all who renewed their membership for 2023. It was great seeing some of you at Equine Affaire. A reminder to all of you who have not renewed for the 2023 year renewals are due. Thank you

Carol Birdsey Membership Chairperson. membership@cthorsecouncil.org 860-344-1804

Those who have renewed or joined are:

If your name is not on the supporting membership list, won't you please consider supporting your state council. It is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you in advance.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS * = Volunteer Horse Patrol Members	
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS Carol Birdsey Mary Bonville Sally Carter *Lorraine Chocholka *Susan Crawford *Patti Crowther Nikki Cunningham Jessica Dempsey *Ken Forcier *Vevette Greenberg CarolAnne Keely Darin Latimore Waneta Lenk Edna Liberty *Gloria Ludwig Michael Marcus Lorraine Marshall Ryan McLaughlin *Billie McNealy Pat Neisser *Alix Pose-Sussman Marie Lisette Rimer Jasci Ryan Celeste Santos-Rivera *Meg Sautter MaryAnn Smith *Debra Strickland *Ruth Stronzer *Adam Teper Holly Thompson	FAMILY MEMBERS *Cathy & James Clouse *Jennifer Hanley Carla & Bob Lord Don & Jean Nordell * Peggy Robinson *George & Katie Tolhurst SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS <i>Please support us for 2023</i> SUPPORTING BUSINESS MEMBERS <i>See ads below</i> A R Equine Transport Service LLC Adam Wilson & Randy Moitoso Beckett & Assoc Vet Services Chip Beckett DVM - Glastonbury B.D. Farrier Services Bud Dore – Litchfield Doug Dubitsky Equine Law Drafty Pines Emily & Daniel Chaplin – Central Village Express Your Pet Grooming-Boarding-Day Care – Rocky Hill

2022 SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Please support us for 2023!



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Trail Riding and Camping with Horses



www.cvdrivingclub.com

HORSE COUNCIL OF GRANBY, Inc.



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Litchfield Hills Driving Club

www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.org



Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club

www.lcrvhc.org

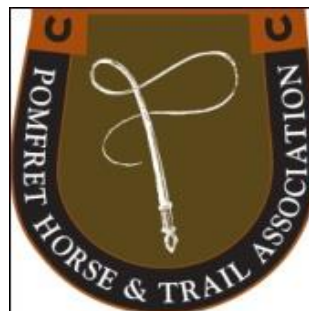
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Middlebury Bridle Land Association

www.middleburybridle.org



Pomfret Horse & Trail Association

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Reddington Rock Riding Club

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2023 Business Member Directory

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. **This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.**

Note: Listings in our business directory is a service to our members only, and does not necessarily endorse any individual, business, or product.

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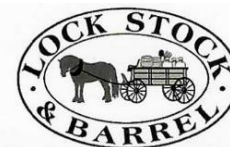
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The Connecticut Horse Council Meeting Dates for 2023

Meetings are held at 7:30 PM

Eversource building

107 Selden Street, Berlin, CT

We hope you will join us and attend our meetings. We need You!

Please put these dates on your calendar. If there are bad weather conditions, please call Diane Ciano 203.910.9919 for possible cancellations.

We meet 5 times a year on the 1st Tuesday of the months of:

February 7th

April 4th

June 6th

October 3rd

December 5th.

2020-2022 Officers and Board Members

The Connecticut Horse Council Officers and Board of Directors are elected volunteers who are dedicated to helping the equine industry grow.

******2023- Election of officers for CHC will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2023**

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2023

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Classification (Check One)

☐ Individual \$20 ☐ Family \$30 ☐ Student \$15

☐ Business or Professional \$40 ☐ Club \$40

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AREAS OF INTEREST (Please check all that apply)

☐ Trails ☐ Zoning ☐ Booth ☐ Legislation ☐ Website ☐ Emergency/Disaster Preparedness

☐ Volunteer Horse Patrol ☐ Education ☐ CT Horse 911

I would be willing to serve on a committee of my interest. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

I would be willing to have my name listed with CHC **Connections** as a person to contact in an emergency involving horses, or for emergency resources. ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More info, please

Please describe resources/services you would be able to provide on the back of this form.

I wish to join The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc.

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Connecticut Horse Council **Connections** is a volunteer network being developed to provide assistance and resources to our fellow horse owners in the state during times of natural or man-made disasters, or emergency incidents such as fires, loose horses, or trailer accidents. When there is an incident or emergency situation involving horses **Connections** will be a resource for local fire departments, first response dispatchers, and, as they continue to organize, with local CTSART Region Team Leaders. If you choose to participate in **Connections**, CHC will add your name to our list of people who can be contacted when help is needed.

[] CHC has my permission to make my name available to my local Fire Department/local Emergency Dispatcher as an experienced horseperson to call in the event of an incident involving horse/s.

My local FD is _____

Local Police _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency trailering for horse/s.

Type/size of vehicle _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide temporary emergency shelter/housing/paddock space for horses which need to be relocated in emergency situation

Describe _____

[] CHC has my permission to contact me to provide emergency supplies (feed, bedding, or other) for horses involved in emergency incidents.

Describe _____

[] I am unable to participate at this time but would like to be included in future alerts or mailings.

Although not yet mandated by Connecticut statute, the CT State Animal Response Team regions recognize the needs of large animals. CHC remains committed to assisting the five Region Team Leaders in their efforts to include horses in their disaster response plans.

[] Please give me the contact name of my CTSART Region Team Leader so I can contact him/her.

I attest that I am at least 18 years of age and that the information I provide The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. is true and accurate. I understand that I may, in any particular situation, prudently decline to offer my good faith services. I further understand that The Connecticut Horse Council, Inc. acts only as a conduit for providing this information to individuals and/or organizations for the purpose of emergency response, and CHC is not liable for any injury or misadventure resulting in my volunteer efforts.

Signature _____

